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U.S. MTN FOR MTN GENEVA

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SUBJECT: MTN REQUEST EXERCISE FOR ROMANIA

1. USG IS CURRENTLY EXPLORING POSSIBLE NON-TARIFF REQUESTS OF ROMANIA IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER CURRENT TIMEFRAME, THESE REQUESTS MUST BE TABLED IN GENEVA BY NOVEMBER 1. WHILE WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON ROMANIAN NONTARIFF MEASURES WHICH EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP WITHIN TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING: (A) CUSTOMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENTRY PROCEDURES, INCLUDING TREATMENT OF SAMPLES,
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CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AND CUSTOMS DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. (B) DISCRIMINATORY TAXES (NATIONAL TREATMENT AND CEMA VS. NON-CEMA TREATMENT). (C) BARRIERS TO ADVERTISING IN ROMANIA BY U.S. COMPANIES. (D) DISCRIMINATORY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS RESULTING IN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CEMA COUNTRIES. (E) SPECIFIC QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL IMPORTS INTO ROMANIA ARE CONTROLLED BUT

WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC PRODUCTS.

2. WE ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING NONTARIFF REQUESTS ON SERVICES, SUCH AS SHIPPING, MARINE INSURANCE AND ANY OTHER SERVICES RELATED PROBLEMS OF WHICH YOU MAY BE AWARE. IN

THE AREA OF INSURANCE, WE HAVE RECEIVED ALLEGATIONS THAT ROMANIA SYSTEMATICALLY PROMOTES THE USE OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT MARINE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS TO THE DETRIMENT OF FOREIGN INSURERS. CAN THIS ALLEGATION BE SUBSTANTIATED? IS EMBASSY AWARE OF ANY LAWS OR DIRECTIVES MAKING IT MANDATORY TO PLACE MARINE INSURANCE, PARTICULARLY FOR IMPORTS, WITH THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE COMPANY? IF NO SUCH REGULATIONS EXIST, WHAT FACTORS MIGHT EXPLAIN THE PREPONDERANCE OF MARINE INSURANCE IN U.S.-ROMANIAN TRADE BEING PLACED WITH THE ROMANIAN INSURANCE COMPANY?

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON THE ITEMS ABOVE, BOTH GENERAL NONTARIFF MEASURES AND THOSE SPECIFICALLY LISTED, BY OCTOBER 17, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PREPARE OUR REQUESTS ACCORDINGLY. VANCE

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